

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A quick-action chuck, comprising:
an actuating element (20); and
a control device which includes at least one means (12, 22, 36, 42, 50) for controlling at least one locking device (10) that serves to absorb a chucking reinforcement force, wherein via the at least one locking device (10) that is controllable by the control device, a positive-engagement connection can be brought about for absorbing the chucking reinforcement force, wherein the at least one locking device (10) is rotatable relative to a base body (32) for bringing about the positive-engagement connection, wherein chucking jaws (26) are guided in the base body (32), wherein said base body (32) has at least one slide face (64) on which the at least one locking device (10) is axially displaceable, wherein said base body has a set of teeth (48) in which the at least one locking device (10) engages in a locking position, and wherein as a result of meshing with the set of teeth (48), the at least one locking device (10) is axially fixed on the base body (32).

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, wherein the control device is a locking spring (22).

4. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, wherein a tool (34) can be chucked indirectly via a spring means (12) that is actuatable by the actuating element (20).

5. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, wherein the actuating element (20) can be operatively uncoupled from the locking device (10) over at least one actuation region.

6. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, wherein the actuating element (20) is rotatably supported for chucking the tool (34).

7. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, wherein the actuating element (20) is supported displaceably in the axial direction.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 3, wherein the actuating element (20) can be coupled to the base body (32) and uncoupled from it via the locking spring (22).

10. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 15, wherein the locking spring (22) has an essentially annular shape.

11. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 4, wherein the spring means (12), for chucking the tool (34), has an essentially annular shape.

12. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 11, wherein the spring means (12) has at least two detent elements (14, 16), opposite one another on the circumference, for snapping into the actuating element (20).

13. (previously presented) The quick-action chuck of claim 1, further comprising at least one chucking jaw (26), which is loaded in an axial direction in at least one operating position via a spring element (24).

14. (currently amended) A power tool having a quick-action chuck, said quick-action chuck comprising:

an actuating element (20); and

a control device which includes at least one means (12, 22, 36, 42, 50) for controlling at least one locking device (10) that serves to absorb a chucking reinforcement force, wherein via the at least one locking device (10) that is controllable by the control device, a positive-engagement connection can be brought about for absorbing the chucking reinforcement force, wherein the at least one locking device (10) is rotatable relative to a base body (32) for bringing about the positive-engagement connection, wherein chucking jaws (26) are guided in the base body (32), wherein said base body (32) has at least one slide face (64) on which the at least one locking device (10) is axially displaceable,

wherein said base body (32) has a set of teeth (48) in which the at least one locking device (10) engages in a locking position, and wherein as a result of meshing with the set of teeth (48), the at least one locking device (10) is axially fixed on the base body (32).

15. (currently amended) A quick-action chuck, comprising:

an actuating element (20); and

a control device which includes at least one means (12, 22, 36, 42, 50) for controlling at least one locking device (10) that serves to absorb a chucking reinforcement force, wherein via the at least one locking device (10) that is controllable by the control device, a positive-engagement connection can be brought about for absorbing the chucking reinforcement force, wherein the control device is a locking spring (22), and wherein the actuating element (20) can be coupled to a the base body (32) and uncoupled from the base body it via the locking spring (22).

16. (currently amended) A quick-action chuck, comprising:

an actuating element (20); and

a control device which includes at least one means (12, 22, 36, 42, 50) for controlling at least one locking device (10) that serves to absorb a chucking reinforcement force, wherein via the at least one locking device (10) that is controllable by the control device, a positive-engagement connection can be brought about for absorbing the chucking reinforcement force, wherein a tool (34)

can be chucked indirectly via a spring means (12) that is actuatable by the actuating element (20), wherein the spring means (12), for chucking the tool (34), has an essentially annular shape, and wherein the spring means (12) has at least two detent elements (14, 16), opposite one another on the circumference, for snapping into the actuating element (20).